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Juha Punnonen et al.

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Filed: November 28, 2000

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IMMUNOMODULATORY  
PROPERTIES OF GENETIC  
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**AMENDMENT**

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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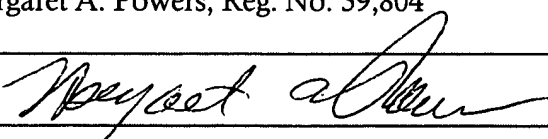
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